# 2013 California Tribal Water April 24th & 25th

## California Indigenous Rights, Uses and Management of Water and Land

Leveraging the strengths and resources of Tribal, State and Federal agencies through collaboration



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**EDMUND G. BROWN JR.,** Governor **JOHN LAIRD,** Secretary for Natural Resources

December 7, 2012

Dear Tribal Water Summit Participants:

I encourage you and your council members to attend the 2013 California Tribal Water Summit. Your participation in the summit is critical to the success of tribal, state and federal agencies that manage water resources in California. Coming on the heels of the Natural Resources Agency's recently-adopted Tribal Consultation Policy, this summit is a timely opportunity for continued collaboration on water management and planning strategies.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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December 11, 2012

Re: California Tribal Water Summit April 24-25, 2013

Dear Tribal Chairperson (separate letter sent to Tribal Chairs):

The California Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team, formally invites you to participate in the second statewide California Tribal Water Summit (Summit) on April 24-25, 2013. The Summit will be held in Sacramento.

Invitations are being extended to: all California Native American Tribes, both federally recognized and non-federally recognized, the Governor, Cabinet Secretaries and Federal and State agency executives responsible for managing water in California. We anticipate approximately 300 participants will attend the event each of the two days. Your participation is critical to the success of the Summit and the efforts of Tribal, Federal, and State agencies managing water resources within their regions and statewide.

In 2009, the first statewide Tribal Water Summit set precedence in the State's history by identifying water management issues that are critical to California Native American Tribes and the State. There is more work to be done, and I believe we must continue our diligent efforts to maintain California's water resources and management practices to the benefit of all.

The 2013 Statewide Tribal Water Summit theme is: California Indigenous Rights, Uses and Management of Water and Land: Leveraging the strengths and resources of Tribal, State and Federal agencies through collaboration. The key agenda topics will cover:

- Tribal Ecological Knowledge
- Watershed Management and Land Use
- Indigenous Rights to Water

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## **Planning Team Members**

The California Tribal Water
Summit is a work group of the
California Water Plan 2013 Tribal
Advisory Committee. The Tribal
Water Summit Design Team
was comprised of the Tribal
Advisory Committee members and
individuals, organizations, agencies
and Tribes willing to commit
resources and time to put the
Summit together. We would like to
thank all those that participated
and contributed to the 2013 Tribal
Water Summit.

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In addition, all of our Tribal Water Summit Design Team members and their Tribes have offered significant in-kind support through their commitment of time, resources, and in-kind contributions to the 2013 California Tribal Water Summit.

All of our Tribal Water Summit Speakers, Presenters, and Panelists donated their honorarium back to the Tribal Water Summit, to ensure the success of this event.

# Agenda

Personal	/	DAY	1: April 24, 2013	
9:15 am  Welcome and Introductions  John Laird, Secretary Natural Resources Agency Mark Cowin, Director Department of Water Resources  Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager Statewide Integrated Water Resources Department of Water Resources John Covington, Water Department Manager, Morongo Band of Mission Indians Ron Goode, Chairman North Fork Mono Tribe  Moderator Ron Goode, Chairman North Fork Mono Tribe  Tribal Ecological Knowledge The goal of this session is to foster greater respect and understanding of tribal ecological knowledge and its value in resource management efforts by:  Showing the interconnectedness of tribal ecological knowledge in federal, state, and local resource management programs; Highlighting examples of collaboration with Tribes where tribal ecological knowledge is respected and validated; and Discussing applications where tribal and native science ensures successful water and land stewardship		8:45 am	Registration	
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		12:15 pm	Lunch Service	

DAY	1: April 24, 2013	
12:30 pm	Tribal Use in Marine Protected Areas: North Coast Perspectives	Ken Wiseman, Executive Director Marine Life Protection Act Initiative (Natural Resources Agency)
	Luncheon Panel  Four panelists who were directly involved in each step of the process will focus their presentations on these topics:	Hawk Rosales, Executive Director InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council Atta P. Stevenson, President California Indian Water Commission
	Overview of the Marine Life     Protection Act process in the     North Coast	Stephen Kullmann, Environmental Director Wiyot Tribe
	Steps in the development of the North Coast's new MPAs, in particular the pivotal Tribal role	
	Lessons learned for effectively engaging Tribes in planning & implementing marine protection	
	Potential for paradigm shift in relations between Tribes and resource agencies	
1:30 pm	Plenary Speaker	Heather Whiteman-Runs-Him Native American Rights Fund
2:00 pm	Indigenous Rights to Water  This topic is intended to set the context, focusing on broader issues of the relationships between Tribes and water. This discussion frames issues of:	Moderator Doug Garcia Bureau of Indian Affairs Mervyn George, Sr., Hoopa Valley Tribe Aaron Dixon, Susanville Indian Rancheria
	Protecting all waters that support physical and cultural continuation	Donna Vasquez, Chairperson, Bishop Paiute Tribal Environmental Protection Agency, Bishop Paiute Tribe
	Discussing tribal rights to and use of water	Lois Conner Bohna, North Fork Mono Tribe  Scott Williams, Berkey Williams LLP
	Sustaining traditional practices, resources and access	William Steele, Southern California Area Office Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
	Supporting habitat and ecological health	
3:30 pm	Break	

DAY	1: April 24, 2013	
3:45 pm	Indigenous Rights to Water Discussion	Panel and Dignitaries
	Q&A relating to Panel Discussion	
5:15 pm	Recap and Preview of Day 2	
5:30 pm	ADJOURN	
5:30 pm	Poster Session and Reception	

DAY	2: April 25, 2013		
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Registration		
9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions		
9:15 am	Recap of Day 1	Paula Britton, Environmental Director Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake	
9:30 am	Plenary Speaker	Felicia Marcus, Board Chair State Water Resources Control Board	
10:00 am	Watershed Management and Land Use  This session focuses on integrating aspects of Tribal ecological knowledge and indigenous water rights into:  Local, regional and statewide watershed planning and projects, and  External water projects that define and affect Tribal communities, homelands and trust lands	Moderators Paula Britton, Environmental Director Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tim Nelson Department of Water Resources Stephanie Suess, Environmental Program Manager Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indian Alan Bacock, Water Program, Coordinator Big Pine Paiute Tribe John Flores, Water Manager San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Nathan Vogeli Yurok Tribe Chuck Striplen, Associate Environmental Scientist San Francisco Estuary Institute	
12:15 pm	Lunch Service	Cynthia Gomez, Tribal Advisor Governor's Office	
1:15 pm	Tribal Leader and Agency Decision-Maker Working Session  All participants will take the discussions and lessons learned from Summit sessions and identify primary objectives to implement the goals expressed, and develop a framework to achieve next steps.	All	
3:30 pm	Report Outs		
4:00 pm	Concluding Remarks	Ron Goode, Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe	
4:I5 pm Closing Prayer		ТВА	
4:30 pm	ADJOURN SUMMIT		

## **Speakers**

#### John Laird

Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

Mr. Laird was appointed California Secretary for Natural Resources by Governor Jerry Brown on Jan. 5, 2011. He has spent 35 years in public service, including 23 years as an elected official. He has served on the district staff of Representative Jerome Waldie, as well as a budget analyst for the Santa Cruz County Administrator. In 1981 he was elected and served nine years on the San Cruz City Council. He was a two-term mayor from 1983-1984 and 1987-1988. In 2002, he represented the 27th Assembly District and was reelected in 2004 and again in 2006. At the beginning of his second term he was named chair of the Budget Committee. Laird was a member of the State Integrated Waste Management Board from 2008-2009.

#### **Mark Cowin**

Director, California Department of Water Resources

Mr. Cowin was appointed Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on April 13, 2012. Mr. Cowin has extensive experience with California water resources management and has served as director and acting director of DWR since 2010. He has worked over 30 years at DWR. Prior to his appointment as Director, Mr. Cowin served as Deputy Director of Integrated Water Management for DWR. His primary responsibilities included overseeing DWR's flood management and dam safety programs, implementing Integrated Regional Water Management, coordinating DWR's efforts related to climate change, and updating and implementing the California Water Plan. He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford University in 1980.

#### Kamyar Guivetchi

Manager, Statewide Integrated Water Resources, Department of Water Resources

Mr. Guivetchi was appointed Manager of the Division of Statewide Integrated Water

Management in August 2008 with the California Department of Water Resources

(DWR); and before that managed DWR's Strategic Water Planning since November 2000.

During his 35 years with DWR, Mr. Guivetchi has worked on as many projects with the

North-Central Region Office, Division of Planning, Bay-Delta Office, and the Division of

Environmental Services as Manager of the Suisun Marsh Program. Mr. Guivetchi managed

DWR staff work and coordinated the participation of numerous government agencies,

Native American Tribes, stakeholders, and public to prepare the California Water Plan

Updates 2005 & 2009 using a collaborative and consensus-seeking approach. He now

chairs the 29-member State Agency Steering Committee for Water Plan Update 2013. Mr.

Guivetchi has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and completed post graduate work

in Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Davis; and is a California
registered Civil Engineer.

#### **John Covington**

Water Department Manager, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Mr. Covington has been employed by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians since 2005 and was hired to manage the Tribes Water and Wastewater Departments. His professional career in the water industry started in 1987. His expertise lies in the areas of potable water system design and distribution, water supply operations, water supply hydraulics, water treatment, quality, and water rights management.

#### Ron Goode

Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe

Mr. Goode retired from FUSD and SCCCD. In 2008 he became a Life Member to the Sierra Mono Museum. In Judo, he is a Godan (5th Degree Black Belt). The past three years Mr. Goode co-developed a K-12 Native American California Land Tenure Curriculum. Among his many contributions to the community, Mr. Goode works with the Tribal Council of the North Fork Mono Tribe and the Fresno Unified School District as Outreach Consultant, working with at-risk youth and the Drop-out Prevention Program. He served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972 where he obtained the rank of E-5, Sgt. Mr. Goode is also a well noted storyteller throughout the State.

#### **Dr. Don Hankins**

Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, California State University, Chico Mr. Hankins's areas of expertise are pyrogeography and conservation biogeography. Mr. Hankins is of Miwko (Plains Miwok) descent, and is a traditional cultural practitioner. Combining his academic and cultural interests he is particularly interested in the application of indigenous land management practices as a keystone process to aid in conservation and management of resources. Mr. Hankins is currently engaged in fire and water research involving indigenous California and Aboriginal Australian communities. Mr. Hankins has been involved in various aspects of land management and conservation for a variety of organizations and agencies including federal and tribal governments.

#### Sage LaPena

Water Resource Coordinator, Hopland Pomo Tribal EPA

Ms. LaPena specializes in watershed management, riparian corridor restoration, benthic macro invertebrates studies and specimen collection for the tribal biological library.

Ms. LaPena is a medical herbalist, ethnobotanist, teacher, and gardener specializing in both Native American and Western herbal traditions. She started her herbal education at age seven, working with local medicine people from her tribe, the Northern Wintu (California) and others from neighboring tribes and has been a life-long participant in their ceremonial and cultural activities. She has been teaching the ethnobotany of California native plants for over twenty years, leading plant walks throughout the state.

#### **Michael Connelly**

President, Laguna Resources Services, Inc.

Mr. Connelly is a Kumeyaay historian, environmental economist, and engineer. Former tribal Councilman for the Campo Band of Kumeyaay. Adjunct faculty at San Diego State University. Board Member of Kumeyaay Community College.

#### Frankie Joe Myers

Yurok Tribal Member from the village of Sregon on the Klamath River

Mr. Myers is a cultural practitioner from a ceremonial family and has been involved in traditional and cultural resource management from a young age. He has worked for the Yurok Tribe in various fields of natural resources for over a decade and continues to strive to bring traditional ecological knowledge into everyday implementation, as well as policy documentation. Mr. Myers is a founding member of both the Klamath and Coastal Justice Coalitions, and can often be found working on issues related to the "Un-dam the Klamath" campaign and issues pertaining to the protection of Tribal rights.

#### Frank Kanawha Lake, Ph.D

Research ecologist, United States Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Research Station, Fire and Fuels Program

Mr. Lake has received a B.S. from University of California-Davis (1995) in Integrated Ecology and Culture with a minor in Native American Studies. In 2007, Mr. Lake completed his Ph. D. graduate degree from Oregon State University, Environmental Sciences Program. Currently, he is a research ecologist for the US Forest Service-Pacific Southwest Research Station, Fire and Fuels Program, on tribal and community forestry and related natural resource issues. His research focuses on restoration ecology and traditional ecological knowledge related to tribal management and fire ecology of forest, grassland and riparian environments of the southern Pacific Northwest and northern California, with an emphasis on the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion. Mr. Lake has worked as a fisheries habitat biologist in Southwest Oregon and in Northwestern California for the USFS and Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. He served as a fisheries biologist on DOI-BIA Burn Area Emergency Repair team in 1999 and as a USFS resource advisor working with tribes on wildfires in 2006 and 2008 in Northwestern California.

#### Leaf Hillman

Environmental Policy Director, Karuk Tribe

Mr. Hillman has over 20 years of experience directing complex land management, fisheries, and water resources efforts within the Klamath River Basin. He served as a member of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, and currently serves as Chairman of the Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish & Water Commission, and is a Policy Review Panel Member for the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. He is a member of the Karuk Tribe, born at the Village of Katip-hirak on the Klamath River near Orleans and is a hereditary owner of the sacred White Deerskin Dance, a trained World Renewal Priest, and a Karuk Ceremonial Leader. He is the proud father of nine and has been blessed with nine grandchildren.

#### Ken Wiseman

Executive Director, Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, California Natural Resources Agency Mr. Wiseman has been the Executive Director of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, a private-public partnership between the California Natural Resources Agency and the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, for six years. Prior to this position he had been an executive with Lockheed Martin IMS and with Belridge Farms and Packing Co. He served from 2004 to 2007 as Chair of the Board of CAISO, the operator of California's electrical grid, and from 1990 to 1991 was the first Undersecretary of the newly formed Cal-EPA.

#### **Hawk Rosales**

Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

Mr. Rosales is the executive director of InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council, a tribal nonprofit conservation consortium comprised of 10 federally recognized Northern California Indian Tribes, which Mr. Rosales has directed since 1990. In 1997, the Sinkyone Council established the first-ever InterTribal Wilderness on 3,845 acres of Sinkyone ancestral land located along the Lost Coast of northern Mendocino County. Since 2009, Mr. Rosales has coordinated the Council's involvement with the MLPA Initiative process, in which the Council successfully advocated for State recognition and protection of the traditional gathering, harvesting and fishing rights of North Coast Tribes affected by the MLPA.

#### Atta P. Stevenson

President, California Indian Water Commission

Ms. Stevenson has been a lifelong advocate and protector of Tribal cultures and traditions. She has taught and demonstrated culturally sensitive activities in respect to our place in the natural world from the classroom to educational nature walks for adults. She remains a willing student of traditional adaptation in an environmental challenging world. She is President of the California Indian Water Commission, whose goal is to protect, preserve and educate regarding Tribal social, cultural, spiritual and environmental justice. She was a member of the north coast regional stakeholder group, a consensus building effort that became the driving force to challenge current regulation of Dept. Fish & Wildlife but with collaboration and adoption by Dept. Fish & Game Commission a new category "Traditional Tribal Subsistence" for gathering and ceremonial use in Marine Protected Areas stands as a monumental accomplishment in tribute to a unique partnership.

#### Stephen Kullmann

Environmental Director, Wiyot Tribe

Mr. Kullmann been the Environmental Director for the Wiyot Tribe since 2009, a federally recognized tribe whose ancestral territory encompasses the Humboldt Coast from Little River near Trinidad to Bear River Ridge near Scotia. Mr. Kullmann has an M.S. in Environmental Systems from Humboldt State University. He oversees a small department responsible for a variety of projects both on and off Wiyot Tribally-owned land, including Brownfields remediation on Indian Island, water quality monitoring in Humboldt Bay and the Eel River, fisheries restoration projects, renewable energy and energy efficiency, solid waste management and reduction, environmental education, and more. In his spare time, he also serves as the Wiyot Tribe's lead on the MLPA process, helping ensure that the Tribe's concerns and rights are adequately addressed.

#### **Heather Whiteman Runs Him**

Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Heather Whiteman Runs Him is a staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado, where she focuses on tribal water rights and natural resource issues. She previously served as Joint Lead Counsel for the Crow Tribe of Montana, where she oversaw final negotiations, enactment and initial implementation of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 and was additionally responsible for a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to intergovernmental relations, tribal land management, water rights, elections, health and social services, law enforcement, economic development, and general litigation issues. Prior to working with the Crow Tribe, she practiced in New Mexico as an Assistant Public Defender, and additionally worked as an associate attorney in private practice, serving tribal governmental clients on a wide variety of issues. She is a member of the Crow Tribe, and received her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. She received her B.A.F.A. with honors in Art History, and Studio Art from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and her A.F.A. from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is licensed to practice law before the State Bar of New Mexico, the District of New Mexico, and the Crow Tribal Bar.

#### **Doug Garcia**

Natural Resources Manager, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Mr. Garcia has been the natural resources manager in the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the Department of the Interior for 22 years. During this time, he has been responsible for natural resource activities that have included forestry, range, water resources and water rights program administration. He is the Federal Team Chair for the Fallbrook negotiation team for the Santa Margarita River stream adjudication and member of the Tule River Federal negotiation team. He presently assists tribal governments in protecting water resources for in-stream flows for fisheries, ground water management protection and quantification of water rights. Prior to working with the BIA, he was the Natural Resources Manager with the Covelo Indian Community/Round Valley Indian Tribes. He received a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management from California Polytechnic University. He is an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

#### Mervyn L. George, Sr.

Hereditary ceremonial dance leader, Hoopa Valley Tribe

Mr. George, Sr. has been the leader of the White Deerskin Dance, the Boat Dance, and the Jump Dance since 1983. These are the sacred world renewal dances that have been continuously practiced since time immemorial.

#### **Aaron Dixon**

Tribal Secretary/Treasurer, Susanville Indian Rancheria

Mr. Dixon is descendant of the Paiute and Washoe people. He retired from the State of California with 25 years of service. Upon retirement, he has taken an active role to promote culture and history in Lassen County. In addition, he became an advocate for youth in the school system. He has been asked by Lassen High School Staff to give a presentation to students about history in Lassen County. He speaks about his Great Grandfather "Old Man Joaquin", a lone survivor of the massacre of Papoose Meadows. The massacre took place on the second week of June of 1866 by the militia near Eagle Lake.

#### **Donna Vasquez**

Chairperson, Bishop Paiute Tribal Environmental Protection Agency

Ms. Vasquez is from the Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Navajo Nation. She has lived on Bishop Paiute Tribal lands her entire life. Donna serves as chairperson of the Tribal Environmental Protection Agency for the Bishop Paiute Tribe and volunteers regularly at the community cultural center and museum. Donna has three grandchildren.

#### Lois Conner Bohna

North Fork Mono Tribe

Ms. Bohna, famously known as "The Acorn Lady", is a true artist and a preserver of her Mono Indian culture and heritage. She lives out and teaches her native traditions and language. She is a former board member for the California Indian Basket Weaver's Association and participates in various projects and work relating to basket weaving including: National Science Foundation, the Australian National University – Creating Country Conference, Stanford University's Australia cultural Exchange, and Table Mountain Rancheria's Gift to California State University Fresno-Madden Library Project. The Acorn Lady's baskets can be seen at the Tribal Water Summit Exhibit Hall.

#### **Scott Williams**

Partner, Berkey Williams LLP

Mr. Williams is a partner in the law firm of Berkey Williams LLP. From its offices in Berkeley, California, and Washington, DC, the firm represents only Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Mr. Williams has extensive experience in matters in litigation and in the law of Indian water rights. The firm currently represents a Pueblo in Northern New Mexico, a Tribe in Colorado, a Tribe in Nevada and Utah, and tribes throughout California in litigation and other arenas to protect tribal water rights, fishing rights, and traditional customs and practices related to water. The firm offers its tribal clients considerable experience not only in water rights, but also in land rights, cultural resource protection, governmental operations, health care, and business affairs.

#### **Paula Britton**

Environmental Director, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake in Upper Lake, California

Ms. Britton is a member of the DWR Tribal Advisory Committee. She is a Sicangu
Lakota (Rosebud Sioux) from South Dakota and has lived on or near eleven reservations in the western US as a child and adult. She has worked with seven Tribes across the
Nation and has worked as a consultant for additional Tribes. She has held positions such
Administrator, Senior Analyst, and Environmental Director for over twenty five years. She
was a founding member of the Mni Sose Water Rights Coalition; a coalition of 28 Tribes in
the Missouri River Basin in three states that were affected by the damming of the Missouri
River in the early sixties under the Pick Sloan Plan. She has worked as a Tribal liaison with
federal, state and local agencies and as a facilitator for many projects. She is married to
a Round Valley Tribal member and has worked with California Tribes for the last fifteen
years. She has a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and Political Science and her
graduate work was in Urban and Regional Governmental Management and Planning.

#### Felicia Marcus

Board Chair, State Water Resources Control Board

Ms. Marcus was the Western Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Executive VP/COO of the Trust for Public Land. Prior to NRDC and TPL, Felicia served as the Regional Administrator of the U.S. EPA Region IX in the Clinton Administration for making the agency more responsive to the communities it serves, particularly Indian Tribes, communities of color, local government, and agricultural and business interests. While at EPA, Felicia worked extensively on the range of environmental issues under EPA's jurisdiction, most heavily in air quality, Bay-Delta water, tribal, and US-Mexico border issues. She currently serves and has served in the past on many non-profit boards and Advisory Councils including the Public Policy Institute of California, Urban Habitat, Kesten Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy, and the Center for Diversity and the Environment. She is also currently an Obama Administration appointee to the Commission on Environmental Cooperation-Joint Public Advisory Council (US, Mexico, Canada) and was a Schwarzenegger Administration appointee to the Delta Stewardship Council prior to being appointed to the Water Board.

#### **Tim Nelson**

Engineer, California Department of Water Resources

Mr. Nelson has worked for DWR for nineteen years as an Engineer for Water Resources. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and M.S. in Environmental Engineering from California State University of Sacramento. As a Karuk and Shasta Indian, his experience of walking in two very different worlds gives a different outlook on tribal water Issues. He is the technical expert for the Truckee, Carson, and Walker basins dealing with interstate water issues, water rights, and basin operations. The ability to provide the cultural experiences and ideology to discussions of California Indian relations has helped agencies to understand how California Indians view water.

#### **Stephanie Suess**

Environmental Program Manager, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council

Ms. Suess is a member of the Tribal Advisory Committee to the Department of Water Resources as well as DWR's Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM in California Focus Group. She is an experienced community planner with over 25 years of experience as a community land use planner in all aspects of county and city planning and land use development. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Soil Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and spent a year of study in sedimentary petrology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

#### **Alan Bacock**

Water Program Coordinator, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

Mr. Bacock is a tribal member of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley and is employed by the Tribe as their Water Program Coordinator. Mr. Bacock began working on environmental issues in 1998 when he assisted in the creation of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. He also serves as the President of the Owens Valley Committee, a nonprofit citizen action group dedicated to finding solutions for water issues in the Owens Valley.

#### Nathan Voegeli

Staff attorney, Yurok Tribe

Mr. Voegeli is a staff attorney for the Yurok Tribe, a natural resource-based tribe and the largest in California. He works with federal and state agencies on water, forestry, land acquisition and management, and other natural resources issues, as well as with industrial timber and environmental organizations. Mr. Voegeli coordinates Tribal efforts to reacquire 25,000 acres of Tribal ancestral territory, land which contains vital habitat and cold water crucial to the survival of Klamath River salmon and steelhead. He manages the Yurok Tribe's development of forestry carbon offset projects on over 30,000 acres of Tribal land and oversees an additional 25,000 acre project. Mr. Voegeli is admitted to practice law in California, Oregon, and Yurok Tribal courts, as well as multiple federal courts. He holds a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and a masters degree in international policy studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He commutes between the Yurok Reservation and the San Francisco Bay Area to enjoy time with his wife Julie, who works at the San Francisco Zoo.

#### Chuck Striplen

Associate Environmental Scientist, San Francisco Estuary Institute

Mr. Striplen is a member of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, the first people of the Monterey Bay region. He holds a double BA in Biology and Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz, an MS in Environmental Science, Policy and Management from UC Berkeley, where he's now a doctoral candidate in the same department. He is a past Board Member of the California Indian Basketweavers Association, and is active in efforts to increase Tribal participation in the study and stewardship of California's watersheds. After working for many years as an ecologist, planner, and wildlife biologist, he came to the San Francisco Estuary Institute in 2002 to join their nascent Historical Ecology team. Since that time, he has helped expand the work and prominence of the discipline of historical ecology in California, and is now working to create greater alignment between mechanisms designed to protect natural and cultural resources.

#### **Judge Cynthia Gomez**

Governor's Tribal Advisor and Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary

She advises Governor Brown and Cabinet colleagues on topics related to Tribal
governments and the implementation of effective government-to-government consultation
between the Governor's Administration and California Tribes on policies that affect
California Tribal communities. Tribal Advisor Gomez serves as a direct link between the
Tribes and the Governor of the State of California and facilitates communication and
consultations between the Office of the Governor, the Tribes, state agencies, and agency
tribal liaisons. Tribal Advisor Gomez also reviews state legislation and regulations affecting
Tribes and makes recommendations on these proposals.

## **Exhibitors**



Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry for the Pacific Region are responsible for providing coordination, management, planning, oversight, and monitoring for all activities related to development and protection of natural resources on over 500 thousand acres of Indian trust & restricted lands in California. The Forestry Branch exercise program oversight and provides planning and scheduling natural resources activities at the State & Agency level to ensure that regulatory and policy requirements are followed and that technical standards of sound natural resources management are upheld.



California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) is a Native environmental health non-profit founded in 2006 to address mining toxins left over from the California Gold Rush. Our mission is to protect and restore California Indian Peoples cultural traditions, ancestral territories, means of subsistence and environmental health. CIEA's core programs are the Mercury Tribal Health, Tribal Self-Advocacy and our Leadership programs. Together these empower California Indian Communities to practice subsistence fishing cultures, avoid mercury and PCBs in fish, self-advocate for cleanup of California lands and waterways, and train the future generation to be environmental stewards. All of California's rivers, lakes, reservoirs and coastal waterways contain mercury and PCBs at varying levels. Tribal members, and in particular women must make healthy choices by choosing fish high in omega-3 fatty acids and low in toxins. Our trainings and programs provide families with the tools to make healthy choices and protect their children from permanent learning disabilities. We promote safe fish consumption, identifying locations to fish and species which are safer to eat, provide local fish consumption advisories, information about store-bought fish and personalized advice on how to choose fish high in omega-3 fatty acids and low in mercury and PCBs.

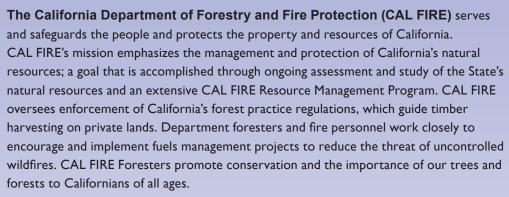


The **California Indian Water Commission** was founded to advocate, protect, and promote California Indigenous knowledge and culture. The CIWC works on behalf of both recognized and non recognized tribes and communities for the betterment of all Californians future water, land, natural, and cultural resources.



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is the lead agency for invasive species issues that impact natural systems and native and game species in California. The mission of the Invasive Species Program is to reduce the negative effects of invasive species on the wildlands and waterways of California. We are involved in efforts to prevent the introduction of species into the state, detect and respond to introductions when they occur, and prevent the spread of invasive species that are already established. We address the pathways of species introduction, both accidental and intentional. Preventing introductions is the most effective and cost efficient way to manage invasive species. We coordinate our efforts with both governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.







California Department of Water Resources responsibilities cover a wide range of activities including the operation of the State Water Project, public safety programs including Safety of Dams and flood operations, water use efficiency assistance, and water planning. The exhibit features California Water Plan Update 2009 publications, summary information on the upcoming final issue of the California Water Plan Update 2013, statewide and regional aspects of the climate change program, and the Integrated Regional Water Management program and other information.



California Indian Museum and Cultural Center has been created to culturally enrich and benefit the people of California and the general public. The goals of the Museum and Cultural Center are to educate the public about California Indian history and cultures, to showcase California Indian cultures, to enhance and facilitate these cultures and traditions through educational and cultural activities, to preserve and protect California Indian cultural and intellectual properties, and to develop relationships with other indigenous groups.



Red Deer Consulting (RDC) is pleased to announce our appointment as The Tribal Coordinator for Northern California Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP). In this capacity Red Deer will work under the leadership of Northern California Tribal Governments and coordinate water related grants and planning services with the West Coast Watershed and the North California Resource Partnership. Red Deer Consulting is 100% American Indian owned and operated.

Red Deer Consulting Services shall include:

- Completing outreach, communication, and technical assistance strategy for tribal Programs
- Build capacity of Tribes Nations to more fully participate in the Proposition 84 Grants Program.
- Expand meaningful engagement and participation of Tribal Nations in the NCIRWMP water planning process
- Assist Tribal participation in the North California Resource Partnership



The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a State Agency created by bipartisan legislation in 2004. The State of California recognized that the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada and its communities are closely linked and that the State and the Region would benefit from an organization providing a strategic direction. The SNC supports the Sierra Nevada Region by providing funding for local projects, offering technical assistance, and supporting collaborative projects in partnership with local government, nonprofit organizations, state and federal government organizations, and Tribes.



The National Indian Justice Center, Inc. (NIJC) is an Indian owned and operated non-profit corporation with principal offices in Santa Rosa, California. The goals of NIJC are to design and deliver legal education, research, and technical assistance programs which seek to improve the quality of life for Native communities and the administration of justice in Indian country. NIJC was established in 1983 through the collective efforts of the National American Indian Court Judges Association, the American Indian Lawyer Training Program, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in order to establish an independent national resource for Native communities and tribal governments.



The State Water Board: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act or CWA), as amended in 1987, established the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. Administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), the CWSRF program offers low interest financing agreements for water quality projects. Annually, the program disburses between \$200 and \$300 million to eligible projects. The State Water Board adopted regulations to define the experience and training requirements necessary to meet the minimum levels of competence. To administer this responsibility, the State Water Board established the Office of Operator Certification in the Division of Financial Assistance. Effective April 1, 2013, State Water Board has revised its regulations in chapter 26 of division 3 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, regarding wastewater treatment plant classification, operator certification, and contractor registration for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification Program.



The Pacific Southwest Region of the **United States Forest Service** manages 20 million acres of National Forest land in California and assists the state and private forest landowners in California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. Eighteen national forests are located in this region, in the North Coast, Cascade, and Sierra Nevada ranges and from Big Sur to the Mexican border in the South Coast range. Our national forests have tremendous social and economic impacts in California. They supply 50 percent of the water, about half of the public wildland, and nearly unlimited recreation opportunities. The forests are home to more than 600 of the 800 species of fish and wildlife in California, provide sustainable supplies of timber for homes, and are destinations for visitors from around the world.

Yurok Basket Weaver: Joanne Moore I am a Yurok, born along the Klamath River. My mother, Ada Charles recently deceased at age 103, taught me how to weave baskets when I was I2 years old. Basket uses require different kinds of roots such as spruce, river roots, hazelsticks, black ferns and others. I am keeping our culture alive by showing where to find materials for baskets and how to make them to my children and grandchildren. My mother's legacy lives through every basket I make.

Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. was established in 1965 with the following mission: The mission of ITCC as a consortium of tribal governments and Indian organizations is to unify tribes; provide an effective political voice; and achieve cultural, economic, educational, health, legal, and social justice for all Indians in California. One of ITCC's several commissions is the Water Commission. The ITCC Water Commission provides a Tribal forum for California Tribes (both federally and non-federally recognized) and Tribal People residing in California to have a voice in water planning, protection of our sacred water, and advocating the public about Tribal water rights and water stewardship. ITCC recognizes its role in promoting self-sufficiency and local self-determination for California Indian people. For this reason ITCC continues to pursue the mobilization of California Indian people through programs designed to gradually shift control to the hands of local Indian Communities. ITCC currently administers a grant program through the California Emergency Management Association, the California Tribal Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program. This program was designed to build the capacity of Tribes in California and establish a governance structure for California Tribes to develop planning around Emergency Management and Homeland Security issues. The ITCC recognizes that Emergency Management Planning must include the protection of water quality and quantity for Tribal communities throughout California. The California Tribal Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program (CTEMHS) will also include planning for emergencies related to flooding, and will seek input from Tribal communities in this process. Information to be provided will promote the CTEMHS Program, as well as ITCC's Water Commission.

Additional exhibits and opportunities for training and funding will be on display throughout both days of the Tribal Water Summit.



## **Summit Theme and Logo**

The logo was created for the 2009 Tribal Water Summit by Mike Rodriguez (La Jolla Band of Mission Indians). The caption below the logo "We all Drink from the Same Water" exemplifies the theme endorsed by the Tribal Water Summit Design Team.

In developing the logo and caption the Tribal Water Summit Design Team sought to highlight the important aspects of the 2013 California Tribal Water Summit. Connecting the past, present and future, this design pays tribute to the work and efforts of the 2009 California Tribal Water Summit. The phrase illustrates the desire of the 2013 California Tribal Water Summit to provide a forum, tools, and opportunities for collaborating with tribes on multiple levels.

"We all Drink from the Same Water" encapsulates the thought that we are all connected to each other, and to the water of California. We are all dependent on water for our life, our culture, and our heritage: we all drink from the sacred water of life.

On June 8, 2012 the Tribal Water Summit Design Team convened to discuss the theme, topics, and logo for the 2013 California Tribal Water Summit. Harry Williams of the Bishop Paiute Tribe offered the following statement to guide our discussion.

For well over 10,000 years, human beings have occupied a vast area of Earth with deserts, mountains, giant forests, coastal paradises with valleys of every description and every kind. Today it is called California. Today the humans of California are called Indians or Tribes. One of the most important survival techniques of the Tribes was living in a balance with Mother Nature. They were always aware that to live out of balance with Mother Earth meant doom. Today, Californians have extinguished the thought of living in the balance with Mother Earth. Fortunately, the Tribes still believe in their survival techniques of loving their Mother Earth. That's why the Tribes are still here today, because of the heritage of adaptation to their surroundings. All around California there are changes to the landscape. Californians need to be better stewards of their homeland, and treat it like it's their homeland and their Mother. A quality of life is what living with Mother Earth is. No place on Earth is like California. California is a leader in the survival of all of mankind. The world will follow it if we humans of California teach them to love their Mother Earth like their Tribes do. Pray to the Earth, touch her gently. An old Indian saying goes, "If you don't take care of Mother Earth, Mother Earth won't take care of you." Water is life, life is water. Add water – you get life; no water – death. Today, Californians move water all around the State, sucking the life and color of one place and moving that life and color to another place. How out of balance this is. California, a mankind leader, needs to practice and teach the world: to love and respect all life, big and small; to use smart practices of rainwater collection and desalination; to stop using more water than they need; to have better storage and recycling. This will lead to a better quality of life in all of California.

With this in mind, Ron Goode, Chairman, North Fork Mono Tribe, began the meeting with an opening prayer asking for guidance to get to the point Harry Williams described, protecting the water that comes from Tribal ancestral villages.

